



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
MARCH 26, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Turrentine called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:06 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair
Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Kelly McDonnell, 3rd District Youth
Helen Ingram, Education
Victor Perez, Health

Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services
Jessica Quintana, Parent

Absent: *Excused* – Marty Isozaki, Job Training
Excused – Roselin Michael, 8th District Youth
Excused – Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education
Excused – Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

VACANT, 1st District Youth
VACANT, 6th District Youth
VACANT, 9th District Youth

VACANT, 2nd District Youth
VACANT, 7th District Youth
VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: Jeff Williams
Robert Chelsea
Sergeant Tim Long

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Co-Chair Martin to approve the February 27, 2008, Commission on Youth and Children minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Chelsea spoke to the commission about the Long Beach Unity Festival that has been planned for May 31, at Rainbow Park. Mr. Chelsea also provided brief history of the Unity Festival.

Co-Chair Turrentine reordered the agenda to bring forth Agenda Item VIII.A at this time.

A. Safe Passage Program – guest speaker, Sergeant Tim Long of the Long Beach Police Department's Youth Services Division, regarding the Safe Passage program.

Sergeant Long provided a history of the Safe Passage Program. Sergeant Long stated that the program came about several years ago when the violent crimes amongst juveniles were occurring after school. This program focuses on the five high schools in the City, where Police Officers are assigned to each of the high schools to protect the youth. He stated that since this program began, after school incidents amongst youth have decreased.

- It was discussed that there are two (2) Police Officers assigned to each high school. More Police Officers are assigned during the days that lead up to a school holiday and/or break.
- It was discussed that most incidents take place within the proximity of the schools.
- It was discussed that there is one (1) Safety Resource Officer stationed inside the school. The Juvenile Detectives and the Gang Intervention Officers rotate from school to school.
- It was discussed that all of the officers mentioned above, are sworn Police Officers.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission 

The monthly report was distributed in the packet that was mailed out.

B. Cal Grip Grant

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the City of Long Beach received \$400,000 from the Cal Grip Grant. It is possible that a portion of the grant will be used to support the Youth Master Plan.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine congratulated Co-Chair Martin, who was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that she had the opportunity to attend a meeting that was hosted by Deputy City Attorney Reggie Harrison, which focused on the youth and gang violence issues throughout the City. Co-Chair Turrentine also had the opportunity to meet with City Manager Pat West, along with Third District Councilmember Gary DeLong regarding the Youth Master Plan.

- It was discussed that Melissa Morgan is working on putting together a resource guide.
- It was discussed that the idea of a Youth Master Plan is great, but we also need to keep in mind that the Mayor has an obligation to fill the vacancies and the end of the school year is coming soon.
- It was discussed that a meeting should be set up with staff from each Council District to discuss the operation of the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she is the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, and stated that she has been working on this since September of her freshman year.

Co-Chair Martin stated that she attended the Executive Committee and the Fifth District Youth Council meeting.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. Executive Committee Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss tonight's agenda. Co-Chair Turrentine distributed a draft of the Commission on Youth and Children brochure for commissioners to review. She asked that any comments and/or revisions be given to Marla.

2. Public Relations Committee - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

Commissioner McAlpin stated that Ernest S. McBride, Sr. Park is having a Cinco de Mayo event on May 6 and will focus on teens. Commissioner McAlpin would like to know if the youth commissioners are interested in attending the event to provide information on the commission.

- It was suggested that Ms. Nixon-Joiner work with the youth commissioners to see if they are available to attend the event.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners McDonnell, Martin, Michael, and Summerville

Co-Chair Martin stated that the youth commissioners met to discuss the Long Beach Youth Fund. She stated that there are funds available to provide grants this year. It is her hope that the application will be available by April 4.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. **District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings**

Co-Chair Martin stated that she had the opportunity to meet with Matthew, Fifth District Youth Council liaison and Teresa, City Arborist, to discuss the tree inventory in the different parks within the Fifth District. On April 12, a training session has been scheduled at the Nature Center, where Teresa will educate participants on how to identify the different types of trees.

2. **Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force** - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville, and McDonnell

Commissioner McDonnell stated that the Task Force separated into sub groups. She stated that her group is working on planning a carnival that will be geared towards youth.

3. **Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee** - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

No new information was reported.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Quintana stated that Centro CHA received over \$398,000 from the Governor's discretionary grant for gang prevention and intervention. She stated that only 19 organizations, statewide, were awarded funds.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

C. Safe Passage Program – guest speaker, Sergeant Tim Long of the Long Beach Police Department's Youth Services Division, regarding the Safe Passage program.

This item was previously discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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